NMCI Product Evaluation Center

- DON confronts the legacy applications challenge

Needed: a way to pre-qualify software products before consideration for operation in the NMCI environment

- Needed: clear direction to vendors
  - What are the rules?
  - How do we test NMCI compatibility?
- Needed: clear direction to FAMs
  - What applications follow the rules?

- Software and hardware must operate correctly in the NMCI environment
  - No conflicts with Gold Disk load (WIN2K)
  - Good neighbor with other applications

- Software and hardware must not create security vulnerabilities

  - Comply with GPOs

  - No prohibited ports/protocols

    - Inbound anonymous FTP

    - NETBIOS

  - No active code

- First stop for vendors
- Entry point for product consideration
- Single Navy point of contact for evaluating NMCI compatibility
  - Provide vendors opportunity to verify that products work in the NMCI environment & not DOA because security issues
- Authoritative source for FAMS and claimants

- ## DON activity
  - Access to NMCI architecture and performance parameters for development
  - Publish standards and procedures for submitting software for compatibility evaluation

- ## Fee for service
  - If found compatible, results posted on web site; report delivered to vendor
  - If not found compatible, deliver report to vendor

- Won't tell FAMS what to do
  - Not testing for suitability
  - Not testing for effectiveness
- Won't make acquisition choices
- Won't dictate NMCI decisions
- Won't provide certification
  - Follow-on step requires Navy customer
- Won't provide accreditation

- Targeted for IOC November 2003
- Process and procedures in development
- More information to follow on NMCI web site

- Key component of DON effort to be open to new products and technology from IT industry

Official NMCI Web Site: **http://www.nmci.navy.mil**